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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 5 November 2014 requesting the following information:

1. Over the period 1 April 2009 - 31 March 2013 how many individuals recruited as RMORs had educational qualifications at GCE A Level?
2. What is this figure as a percentage of all recruits over that period?
3. Over the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2013 how many RMORs applied for a Corps Commission?
4. Of these, how many were successful?
5. Of those who were successful what was the modal rank and average (mean) length of service? For clarification it is the modal rank and average length of service at the point of gaining a Corps Commission, i.e. your first interpretation.

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you requested and it is attached at Annex A to this letter.

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Yours sincerely



Q1. Over the period 1 April 2009 - 31 March 2013 how many individuals recruited as RMORs had educational qualifications at GCE A Level?

A1. Royal Marine Other Ranks – Entrants with A levels

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Total RMOR entrants with A Levels	*90	*100	*40	*100
Total RMOR Entrants	*1270	*1170	*720	*1090

* To clarify this data manpower statistics are rounded to the nearest 10 with numbers ending in 5 rounded up.

Q2. What is this figure as a percentage of all recruits over that period?

A2. Percentage

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Percentage	7%	9%	6%	9%

Q3. Over the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2013 how many RMORs applied for a Corps Commission?

A3. Officer Applicants for Corp Commissions by Year of Application

Year of Application	Number of Applicants
2009/2010	15
2010/2011	8
2011/2012	*<5
2012/2013	10

Q4. Of these, how many were successful?

A4. Number of applicants who have subsequently entered service

Year of Application	Number of Applicants who have subsequently entered service
2009/2010	*<5
2010/2011	*<5
2011/2012	*<5
2012/2013	6

* Where figures are less than 5 they are denoted with <.

Q5. Of those who were successful what was the modal rank and average (mean) length of service? For clarification it is the modal rank and average length of service at the point of gaining a Corps Commission, i.e. your first interpretation.

A5. Of the 15 who were successful the mean length of service is 4 years and 4 months. The Modal Rank is OR2, this is correct for both the paid rank and the substantive rank.